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Production of Yarn

* 189 Q.—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR (on behalf of Dr. T. V. Sivanandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that 60 per cent of the yarn production of each mill should be distributed to Handloom Sector; 3-10 p.m.

(b) the reason for non-lifting of the entire quota by the Handloom Sector during January to April 1965; and

(c) the assistance and steps taken by the Government to lift this quota entirely for handloom sector?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (a) No.

(b) Open market prices of yarn were more favourable for direct purchase outside the yarn distribution scheme which operated on ceiling prices;

(c) No assistance from Government is required as yarn supply is adequate and available much below the erstwhile ceiling prices.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Sir, may I know the reason for the open market price being lower than the ceiling price?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : There is a glut in the market, about which there were also some questions.

Fire accidents

* 190 Q.—SRI N. V. NATARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) the number of fire accidents which occurred in Madras City during the last two months;

(b) whether the State Government have given any financial aid to the victims affected by the fire accidents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) Twenty-four.

(b) Yes.

(c) A sum of Rs. 310 was sanctioned by the Collector of Madras for the relief of distress caused by the fire accident at Perambur on 30—6—1965 and a sum of Rs. 1,340 for the victims of the fire accident at Lloyds Road on 22—7—1965. The other accidents did not cause much damage.

திரு. என். வி. நடராசன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, இதுபோன்ற தீ விபத்துக்கள் அடிக்கடி ஏற்படுவதால் குடிசைகளையெல்லாம் அகற்றி ஏழைகள் வசிக்கும்படியான அளவுக்கு வீடுகள் அமைக்கும் திட்டத்தின் அடிப்படையில் அரசாங்கம் தீவிர நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க முன்வருமா ?

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கனம் திரு. வி. ராமய்யா : அதைப்பார்த்து ஸ்டேட் ஹவுசிங் போர்டு செய்வார்கள்.

திரு. ஆர். வெங்கடாசலம் : தீ விபத்துக்கள் ஏற்படுவதற்கான காரணங்கள் யாவை?

கனம் திரு. வி. ராமய்யா : பெரும்பாலானவை ஆக்சிடென்டாகத்தான் நடக்கின்றன.

Madras Survey and Land Records Department

* 191 *Q*.—SRI M. RAJAH IYER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any memorandum was submitted by the Tamilnad Survey Officers' Union praying for the appointment of a Committee to go into the structure and service conditions of the Madras Survey and Land Records Department recently; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government have decided that there was no case for appointment of a separate Committee.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER: Will the Government, Sir, at least favourably consider their request for better service conditions?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: This question is regularly looked into and reviewed. Whenever the Government think it necessary, they will not hesitate to do what is needed.

Agricultural Income-tax

* 192 *Q*.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total revenue by way of agricultural income-tax for the year 1964–65 and the estimated revenue for the year 1965-66; and

(*b*) the total establishment charges for the collection of the same for the year 1964–65 and the estimated expenditure in this regard for the year 1965–66?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (*a*) The total revenue by way of agricultural income-tax for the year 1964-65 is Rs. 1,42,85,436–95 and the estimated revenue for the year 1965–66 is Rs. 1,18,00,000.

(*b*) The total establishment charges for the collection of the tax for the year 1964–65 is Rs. 14,56,248.79 and the estimated expenditure for the year 1965–66 is Rs. 14,25,000.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR: Sir, in view of the proposed enhancement of the land revenue, is there any proposal before the Government to abolish this agricultural income-tax?

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR: They will increase.